

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN MATT BRAINARD**, on February 2, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 420 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Matt Brainard, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Toni Hagener, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Allan Walters, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)  
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)  
Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Tom Dell (D)  
Rep. George Golie (D)  
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)  
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)  
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)  
Rep. Douglas Mood (R)  
Rep. Brennan Ryan (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Bill Tash (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)  
Rep. Doug Wagner (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch  
Karen Mills, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s): HB 271, HB 222, HB 311, HB 324  
Executive Action: None  
Posted: 1/13/99, 1/8/99, 1/18/99, 1/19/99

**HEARING ON HB 271**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. BILLIE KRENZLER  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 3.8}

**Proponents' Testimony:** None  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.8 - 4.4}

**Opponents' Testimony:** None  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.4 - 4.5}

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.5 - 19.1}

**Closing by Sponsor:** REP. BILLIE KRENZLER  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.2 - 19.7}

**HEARING ON HB 222**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. KIM GILLAN **EXHIBIT**(sth26a01)  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20.2 - 27.1}

**Proponents' Testimony:**

ANGELA FULZ NORDSTROM, **EXHIBIT**(sth26a02)  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.5 - 28.5}

CRAIG SWEET, Mt. PERG  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28.7 - 30.8}  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 3.8}

BOB REAM, Democratic Party Sec.

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3.6 - 4.4}*

DISCOUNTED TESTIMONY, DIDN'T SIGN IN.

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.6 - 5.3}*

Opponents' Testimony:

LAURIE KOUTNIK, Christian Coalition of Mont.

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.6 - 12.3}*

SCOTT CRICHTON, ACLU of Mt. **EXHIBIT**(sth26a03)

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12.6 - 14.8}*

Informational Testimony:

DEBBIE SMITH, Atty. for Mont. Common Cause

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15.2 - 16.9}*

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.1 - 29.5}*

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 7.9}*

Closing by Sponsor: REP. KIM GILLAN

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8 - 12.2}*

HEARING ON HB 311

Opening Statement by Sponsor: BRAD MOLNAR

**EXHIBIT**(sth26a04)**EXHIBIT**(sth26a05)

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.6 - 25.6}*

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

DARRELL HOLZER, Mt. St. AFL/CIO

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.2 - 3.8}*

DEBBIE SMITH, Mt. Common Cause

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4 - 7.4}*

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SCOTT CRICHTON, ACLU of Mt.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7.5 - 10.8}

Informational Witness Testimony:

CRAIG SWEET, Mt. PERG

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.2 - 13.5}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.7 - 23.3}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. BRAD MOLNAR

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.6 - 30.1}

HEARING ON HB 324

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. MATT BRAINARD

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.8 - 9.9}

Proponents' Testimony:

JOYCE BROWN, Admin. of State's Benefit Plan **EXHIBIT**(sth26a06)

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10 - 15}

TOM SCHNEIDER, Pub. Employee's Assoc.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.6 - 20}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.5 - 31.6}

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 11.1}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. MATT BRAINARD

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.4 - 13.8}

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:50 A.M.

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REP. MATT BRAINARD, Chairman

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KAREN MILLS, Secretary

MB/KM

**EXHIBIT (sth26aad)**